GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM AND CULTURE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3327
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PUTTING UP OF STATUE NEAR MONUMENT
SUNIL KHAN

Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per Government stipulation no construction is allowed within 300 metre on a National Heritage Site;

(b) if so, whether the Government of Tamil Nadu has sought permission from the Central Government for construction of a statue of Tamil Poet in front of Swami Vivekananda Rock in Kanya Kumari; (

(c) if so, whether the Union Government have given its approval; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER FOR TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

(a) Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act 1958 and Rules 1959 amended in 1992 stipulate that no construction/ mining is allowed within 100 metres which is the prohibited area of the protected monument. Beyond the prohibited area within 200 metres designated as regulated area prior permission is required for construction activities.

(b) & (c) No, Sir.

(d) Question does not arise.